

PERSONNEL FILES

INDIVIDUAL

CROSSMAN, EDGAR G.

Tokyo, Japan.  
1 March 1946.

Dear Colonel Crossman:

I have delayed replying to your letter of December 28th until I could get some information as to your Legion of Merit Medal. The information is contained in the attached copy of check note from the Adjutant General dated 21 February. Meanwhile, I was not satisfied with the official citation covering your services, and a new citation is to be substituted which will read as per the attached copy of draft.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Colonel Edgar G. Crossman,  
1068 Park Avenue,  
New York City,  
New York.



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC

CHECK SHEET

Subject: Awards

FROM:  
Office of Chief of Staff

TO:  
Brig. General Whitney

DATE:  
27 February 1946

Attached is a draft of proposed revised citation to accompany award of Legion of Merit made to Colonel Edgar G. Crossman. For your information there is also attached a copy of the official citation published at the time award was made, and a copy of the revised citation for award to Lieutenant Colonel Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., which you recently approved. If Colonel Crossman's citation meets with your approval it will be sent to the AGO for necessary action to substitute it for the original.

3 Incls:  
As indicated.

(sgd) M.W.R.

FROM : Brigadier General Whitney TO : Office of Chief of Staff 1 Mar 46

Proposed amended citation for Colonel Crossman is splendid.

Incls: n/c

C.W.



DRAFT CITATION  
LEGION OF MERIT

Colonel EDGAR G. CROSSMAN, 0130875, Army of the United States. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 21 August 1944 to 9 June 1945. Given the task of assisting in the planning of Civil Affairs Operations for the Philippines, Colonel Crossman applied himself with a determination, enthusiasm and perseverance which was largely responsible for the availability of thirty trained, equipped Philippine Civil Affairs Units when the invasion took place in October. Subsequent to the initial landing, Colonel Crossman performed responsible and important duties in the coordination of the work of Philippine Civil Affairs Units operating under various headquarters; in the dissemination of directives and operational notes to units in the field; and in connection with the overall responsibility for the Army's part in civil administration and relief in the Philippines. After the entry of United States forces into Manila, Colonel Crossman was assigned much of the responsibility of planning for the administration and supply of important municipal functions. The civilian population of over a million people, almost entirely without food, water, medical care, or adequate shelter, presented an emergency without precedent in the theater. The remarkable success with which speedy and effective relief in the form of clothing, provisions, and medicines were supplied, averting epidemics and mass starvation, was to a great degree the result of Colonel Crossman's untiring efforts. By his organization and administrative ability, his exceptional resourcefulness and zealous performance of duty, Colonel Crossman made an outstanding contribution to the success of the civilian relief program in the Philippine Islands.

Address:  
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC

CHECK SHEET

(Do not remove from attached sheets)

File No.: AG 201-Crossman, Edgar G.  
(21 Jan 46)AG-PA Subject: Presentation of Legion of Merit Medal and Citation

*File*

Note  
No.

From: AG

To: General Whitney  
Gov't Section, GHQ SCAP

Date: 21 February 1946

1. A letter is being sent this date to the War Department asking that the Commanding General, Second Service Command, accomplish presentation of the Legion of Merit to Colonel Crossman.

2. Reason for delay of presentation by the War Department is not understood and the information furnished by you is appreciated.

1 Incl:

C/H Gov't Sec to AG,

21 Jan 46

*B. M. F.*



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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

C H E C K S H E E T

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File No:

Subject:

Note No:

FROM: Government Section  
(General Whitney)

TO: AGPA, Manila

DATE: 21 Jan 46

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2. Colonel Crossman departed from this theater in July, 1945, for a period of temporary duty in Washington, D. C. Announcement of this award was made subsequent to his departure for the United States.

3. Unless heretofore accomplished, it is recommended that the Legion of Merit Medal, as awarded, together with a copy of its relative citation, be forwarded to the Commanding General, Second Service Command, for presentation to Colonel Edgar G. Crossman, whose home address is 1088 Park Avenue, New York City, New York.

4. Your advising me of the action taken on this matter would be appreciated.

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C.W.



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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SYSTEMS COMMAND FOR THE ARMY FORCES

REPORT SHEET

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File No.

DATE: 20 Jan 46

1. The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the work done during the period from 1 January 1946 to 31 January 1946. The work was done in the area of the development of a system for the control of the Army's communications.

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December 28, 1945

Brigadier General Courtney Whitney  
GHQ, SCAP  
APO 500  
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.



Dear General Whitney:

Your letter of December 16th arrived this morning. I was delighted to hear from you. I take it from what you say that you now have the job that General Crist had.

I saw Kramer last Sunday and had a very pleasant talk with him. He invited my wife and me around to his house. She said to him that she had heard a good deal about him, to which he answered quite pleasantly that he supposed it had been nothing but the bitterest of criticism. This remark slowed her up considerably, as you can imagine, although she is not a lady who is apt to be at a loss in meeting almost any situation. In spite of all this, we had a very nice time and I said to Kramer, at one point, that even though we had had a number of rows, I saw no reason why we should perpetuate them, and he agreed.

I have been practicing law for about three weeks and find it very enjoyable. I am feeling perfectly fine after a two-months' vacation and have been certified as O.K. by the doctors.

Joe Rauh is living in Washington and so far has not decided what he is going to do.

I never received the Legion of Merit which I understand was awarded to me. Joe Rauh said that he had a copy of the order. Unless you can persuade General MacArthur to approve the other award for which you recommended me, I should appreciate being sent the Legion of Merit and the citation either directly or through channels, whichever is easier.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Edgar G. Crossman*

AIR MAIL

APD 300,

16 December 1945.

Colonel Edgar G. Crossman,  
15 Broad Street,  
New York, New York.

Dear Colonel Crossman:

Your letter of October 11th finally caught up with me, and I was mighty pleased to hear from you. It happened to come at a time in which I have just been assigned to take over the Government Section of the Supreme Commander's Staff here in Tokyo. In other words, the job, too, finally caught up with me.

While I have a fine group of officers and men to work with -- men who have blazed the trail in an admirable manner -- I do now and shall often in the future wish that you and Joe Rauh and other of our colleagues in the Philippine Civil Affairs set-up were with me to help steer the best course.

I trust that your reentry into civil life will prove a smooth and satisfactory one and that you and Mrs. Crossman will find much good health and happiness in the year and many future years to come. Don't let the doctors concern you too much in the matter of your health. They tried to tell me back in 1940 that my blood pressure rendered me physically unfit for further active service -- yet my blood pressure is considerably lower now than it was then. A good measure of whiskey (good, bad and indifferent), plenty of black cigars and an active mind appear to be the antidote.

Sincerely,

